

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Offices of the County Executive • 101 Monroe Street • Rockville, Maryland 20850

| Subject: Assignment of 801 Sligo Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland to Department of Housing and Community Affairs | Executive Order No. | Subject Suffix |
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| Department: Originating Department of General Services | Department No. | Effective Date 9/16/15 |

- 1. **WHEREAS**, the property located at 801 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland also known as the "3rd District Police Station", has been closed and services operating from the location have been moved to a new facility in another location.
- 2. WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Regulation 11B-45, the Department of General Services (DGS) conducted a reuse analysis to determine, among other things, if the property is suitable for reuse by a County Department. The analysis invited various County Departments and Agencies to submit proposals indicating alternative uses for the facilities.
- 3. **WHEREAS,** in response to DGS invitation, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (hereafter "DHCA") submitted a proposal to establish a partnership with a not-for-profit urban development organization known as Artspace Projects, Inc. for the purpose of redeveloping the 3rd District property site into affordable live/work studio housing for artists.
- 4. **WHEREAS**, the DHCA proposal creates additional affordable housing opportunities in the downtown Silver Spring, Maryland area which will benefit artists and complement the existing Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment District.
- 5. **WHEREAS,** DGS recommended to the County Executive that the property be assigned to DHCA for development consistent with its proposal.
- 6. **WHEREAS**, the County Executive or his designee has considered the reuse recommendations made by the Division of Building Design and Construction, within the Department of General Services ("DGS"), regarding the subject property, referred to as the "3rd District Police Station Property".
- 7. **WHEREAS**, the Executive Staff has received considerable community support for a plan that incorporates support for artists in the A&E District which can also include public space for community use.
- 8. **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined to assign the property located at 801 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring to DHCA for use potentially as a redevelopment project with Artspace Projects, Inc.



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9. **NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the above recitals, it is determined that under COMCOR 11B.45.01, *Disposition of Real Property*, Section 6.1 A, the 801 Sligo Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland property is appropriate for reuse by a County Agency and is assigned to DHCA for redevelopment as described above.

Approved as to Form and Legality Office of the County Attorney

By: 32 M///
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